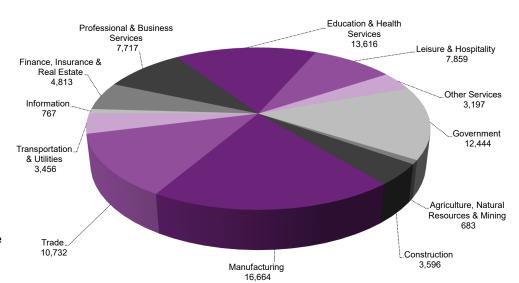
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area

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Jobs Summary

In 2018, the Waterloo–Cedar Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) represented 88,684 total jobs, accounting for 5.7 percent of all covered employment in Iowa. Manufacturing represented the largest supersector with 16,664 jobs. A near-majority of those jobs (7,001) were in the machinery manufacturing subsector. Fueled primary by the healthcare and social assistance sector, the education and health services supersector was the



second-largest in the area with 13,616 jobs. This is a supersector that should grow steadily as the Baby Boomer generation ages into retirement.

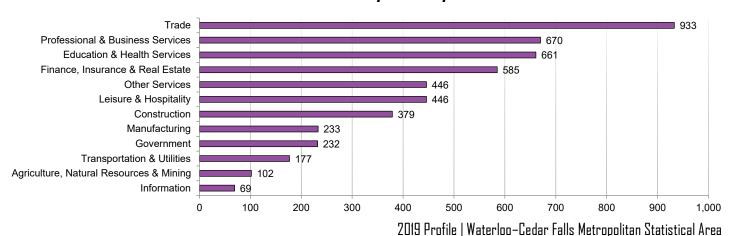
Average Labor Rates, 2018

Labor Force 89,300
Employment 87,000
Unemployment 2,400
Unemployment Rate 2.6%

Quick Facts About the Waterloo-Cedar Falls MSA

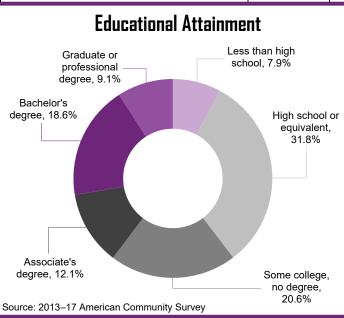
- → The counties included are Black Hawk, Bremer, and Grundy
- → Had an estimated population of 169,659 in 2018, a 1.0% rise from 2010¹
- → Reduced the amount of unemployment by 56.4% between 2010–18
- ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

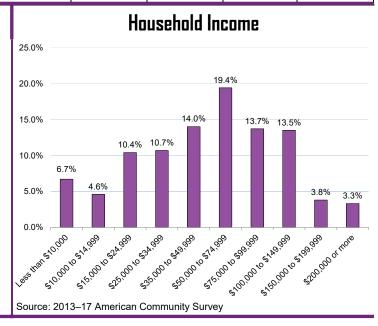
Number of Firms by Industry, 2018



Employment and Wage Summary by Industry, 2017-18

Industry	Average Annual Wage					Employment		
		2017		2018	% Change	2017	2018	% Change
Total, All Industries	\$	45,291	\$	46,883	3.5%	87,545	88,684	1.3%
Private Entities	\$	45,012	\$	46,775	3.9%	74,972	76,240	1.7%
Agriculture, Natural Resources & Mining	\$	44,893	\$	46,489	3.6%	692	683	-1.3%
Construction	\$	53,824	\$	56,156	4.3%	3,581	3,596	0.4%
Manufacturing	\$	65,599	\$	67,743	3.3%	16,127	16,664	3.3%
Trade	\$	34,104	\$	35,301	3.5%	14,130	14,142	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	\$	61,849	\$	64,691	4.6%	3,087	3,410	10.5%
Retail Trade	\$	26,346	\$	27,588	4.7%	11,043	10,732	-2.8%
Transportation & Utilities	\$	44,186	\$	45,726	3.5%	3,217	3,456	7.4%
Information	\$	53,819	\$	64,101	19.1%	820	767	-6.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$	58,545	\$	60,798	3.8%	4,695	4,813	2.5%
Professional & Business Services	\$	46,911	\$	49,622	1.8%	7,333	7,717	3.0%
Education & Health Services	\$	43,278	\$	43,309	0.1%	13,461	13,616	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	\$	14,615	\$	14,938	2.2%	7,746	7,859	1.5%
Other Services	\$	34,727	\$	35,814	3.1%	3,171	3,197	0.8%
Government	\$	46,948	\$	47,545	1.3%	12,574	12,444	-1.0%
State	\$	57,762	\$	58,267	0.9%	2,669	2,603	-2.5%
Local	\$	42,960	\$	43,576	1.4%	9,280	9,227	-0.6%
Federal	\$	60,072	\$	61,726	2.8%	625	614	-1.8%





Commuting Patterns

- → 59.4% of workers lived fewer than 10 miles from their primary place of employment.²
- → 63.0% of workers had a commute between 5 and 19 minutes, with the vast majority of workers (81.7%) commuting alone in a personal vehicle.³
- → Only 0.5% of workers used public transportation to get to work; meanwhile, 4.5% walked to work and 1.4% utilized some other means (such as riding a bike or hailing a cab/rideshare).³
- → 3.7% of employed persons worked from home.³

² U.S. Census Bureau, On the Map

³ 2013–17 American Community Survey